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Director's Meeting

Monday, 31 March 1952

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, Earman

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Mr. Dulles:

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b. Referred to the item in the Log concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and asked Mr. Wisner to recommend to him who should look into this matter since it would appear that this operation had been penetrated. Among those mentioned to investigate this were General Merrill and Hans Tofte. Mr. Wisner undertook to get the facts together and submit recommendations to Mr. Dulles late this afternoon. In connection with this operation possibly being penetrated, Mr. Wisner noted the full facts would be difficult to obtain

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d. Read a memorandum which he was sending to Mr. Hedden and in which he asked Mr. Hedden to "come up" with a project on the [REDACTED] report for consideration by the PRG. In this connection, it was suggested that Mr. Hedden discuss this matter with DD/A (John O'Gara), Mr. Becker, Kirkpatrick or Helms, Col. Johnston and/or [REDACTED]

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e. Noted that we had received two reports from the JCS concerning unconventional warfare and asked Mr. Wisner to ask [REDACTED] for a third report concerning a European Planning Center. Done.

f. Noted that a cable had been received from [REDACTED] containing information far and beyond the purview of CIA and stated that (1) he would draft a reply to [REDACTED] (2) Mr. Earman would recall all copies of this cable which had received rather wide distribution within the Agency. (NOTE: Gen. McClelland has been contacted and will recall and destroy all copies of the above cable with the exception of the file copy to be retained by the Signal Center and copy #3 now in the hands of DDCI.)

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Mr. Dulles (Cont'd.)

h. Stated that (1) a letter on [ ] had been sent to the Bureau of the Budget and he was concerned about security in this matter; (2) DD/A would seek advice from DD/P in setting up [ ] to be used as was done in the case of ECA funds; (3) if necessary the above letter could be recalled and resubmitted [ ] In this connection, Mr. Wolf noted that Mr. Staats of the Bureau of the Budget, who was handling this matter for us, was being transferred to another job and we would soon be getting a new man -- name unknown at the present time. Mr. Wisner undertook to advise Mr. Wolf on the security angle.

Mr. Wisner:

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a. Reported that he had tried to get in touch with Gen. Gruenther but that he had returned to France; however, he was returning on 18 April and Secretary Pace had indicated that Gen. Gruenther could be contacted through his office in the event we desired him to come over [ ] Mr. Dulles stated that this should be done.

b. Stated that he had not been able to get a copy of the President's letter to Gordon Gray. Mr. Dulles suggested that Mr. Wisner get in touch with Admiral Souers and (1) show him a copy of our letter; (2) Ask Admiral Souers for "advice and comment" on our letter.

c. Asked Mr. Dulles whether he had disseminated a recent report pertaining to the Yugoslavs. Mr. Dulles stated that copies had been sent to Park Armstrong, Chip Bohlen and Mr. Kirkpatrick. Also Kirkpatrick had been authorized to make further limited distribution if he thought it necessary.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

In this connection, Mr. Wisner noted that (1) the Director was vitally interested in this operation; (2) it might be necessary to lay this matter before the Director prior to his return to Washington on the 11th of April. Mr. Dulles stated in regard to (2) above he desired first to pull together all the facts in the [ ] case. In connection with our activities in the Far East, Mr. Becker briefly discussed the recent conversation he had with Brig. General Charles Y. Banfill, A-2, of the Far East Air Force, and stated that from this conversation it would appear that insofar as furnishing evaluated intelligence to the Military in this area it might be wise for CIA to

Mr. Wolf discussed Trubee Davison's replacement and noted that he had been unable to contact the original individual he had in mind for this job due to this man's illness. After some discussion as to other possibilities, Mr. Wolf undertook to contact [ ] on 1 April concerning an individual now under consideration.

Mr. Hedden briefly discussed CAT and certain personnel problems connected therewith. Mr. Wisner suggested that Mr. Hedden contact some of our people on this problem who have just returned and who should have first-hand knowledge of the situation raised by Mr. Hedden.

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